

The State of New Hampshire

Probate Courts

Information for Persons Obtaining a Name Change

If a petition for name change is granted, the person whose name has changed should be aware of the following:

1. You must continuously use your new name. You must abandon all further use of your former name so that there will be no confusion as to your name or identity among the public or within the community of which you are a part.
2. You will remain obligated and duty-bound to complete and perform all contractual obligations assumed under your old name whether those obligations are financial or personal in nature.
3. If you hold a New Hampshire driver's license, you must notify the New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles of the name change within ten (10) days of the date of the decree changing your name, as required by RSA 263:9.
4. You are also under an obligation to change or alter any other records identifying you by your old name. It is your responsibility to notify any and all parties or organizations in custody or possession of such records of your name change so that any rights or benefits pertaining to such records will not be impaired or lost.

Examples of records for which notification should be provided are:

- Passport
- Social Security
- Internal Revenue Service and other taxing authorities
- Insurance Policies and Retirement Plans
- Financial records such as bank accounts, credit cards, stocks, bonds and other securities
- Medical records
- Employer personnel records (present and former)
- Voter registration
- State government records such as operating licenses, motor vehicle registrations and any on-going court cases